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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL STATES REVERSE PREFERENCES

WILL NOT BE DEMANDED IN NEXT EEC ASSOCIATION  
AGREEMENTS

REF: TUNIS 1656

1. IN EDITORIAL APRIL 2 ENTITLED "CONCERTED COOPERATION",  
GOVERNMENT-OWNED FRENCH LANGUAGE LA PRESS COMMENTS ON  
EEC COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES IN MEDITERRANEAN BASIN.  
EDITORIAL STATES THAT "ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WHICH  
EXPIRES NEXT SEPTEMBER AND WHICH IS LIMITED TO THE  
COMMERICAL AREA HAS HAD IMPORTANT DISADVANTAGES FOR  
TUNISIA. TUNISIA ALSO CONSIDERS THAT SUCCESSFUL  
ASSOCIATION LITH COUNTRIES OF EEC NECESSARILY TAKES INTO  
CONSIDERATION HER DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE. THIS THESIS  
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IMPLIES, OF COURSE, THE ELIMINATION OF THE CLAUSE RELATING

TO REVERSE PREFERENCES IN THE COMMERICAL SECTION OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH EUROPE HAS, HOWEVER, AGREED NOT TO DEMAND."

2. HASSEN BOUSSOFFARA, SPECIAL COUNSELOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MIN. NATIONAL ECONOMY, REPEATED TO EMBOFF THAT GOT STILL OPPOSED TO REVERSE PREFERENCES. BOUSSOFFARA ADDED THAT INDICATION TO CONTRARY IN PRESS REPORT ON AYARI SPEECH REPORTED REFTEL RESULTED FROM MISUNDERSTANDING ON POAR OF JOURNALIST.  
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